

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Chief Art Reed, Brian Knipstein, Fran Lane, Jack McGee, Mr. & Mrs. Silverstein, Mr. Silverstein's Realtor, Ms. Millbury and Wendy Chase.

The Board met with Brian earlier to discuss the front walkway of the Town Hall. Rueben Hull was also present. The walkway must be ADA compliant by December 31, 2005. Installing pressed concrete instead of replacing the bricks was discussed. The project will have to go out to bid.

The Town Spring Cleanup was discussed. Brian informed the Board that someone had dumped asbestos siding into one of the dumpsters. The dumpster was rejected at the dumping site and brought back to Hervey Court. Wendy contacted Best Way and they informed her that it would be quite expensive to get rid of. Wendy was directed to contact them again and find out exactly how much it would cost and who could the town hire to get rid of it. Brian also informed the Board that people dumped throughout the weekend. Tires were dropped off as well as junk left at the barricade. Suggestions for different locations to hold the Spring Cleanup were discussed.

The Selectmen signed the accounts payable check to Hillsboro Ford for the new police vehicle. The vehicle will be equipped in a couple of weeks. The insurance on it has been taken care of.

The Gilmore Easement was discussed. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the counter proposal made by the Silversteins. James requested that the Silversteins pay up to \$1,000.00 to the town for legal fees associated with the amendment to the Easement. Attorney Jack McGee will first discuss the request with Nancy Gilmore and get back to the Selectmen with an answer. Fran was directed by the Board to move forward with the amendment. The Board will come in to sign the documents when they are completed.

A letter from Joseph Clark was read and plans for a proposed building were reviewed. The Selectmen will contact Mr. Clark and schedule a site walk on his property sometime in June.

A request from NHDES to obtain digital tax map and parcel information from Cartographics was read. James made a motion to grant NHDES permission for this request. Wendy was directed to write a letter to Cartographics with this information.

Correspondence from Fran Lane regarding the Les Case court case was reviewed.

The Rockingham Planning Commission is sponsoring Municipal Board Training Sessions. Wendy was directed to forward the information to the Planning Board, Reuben Hull and the Conservation Commission.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2005 as amended, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2005 as amended, James seconded and all were in favor.

The Selectmen were informed that two large trees have fallen in the path to the Hilton Cemetery. Wendy was directed to contact Brian to discuss removal of the trees. The Selectmen will walk the property and report on it at next week's Selectmen's meeting. They will also discuss the monuments that will be placed on each of the 3 lots.

The Selectmen reviewed copies of the Warranty Deeds and plan. They discovered that there is a right of way over the B&M railroad to access Map 202 lot 2. It was also determined that there is no time limit on erecting the monuments described in the Warranty Deeds and that the Town is obligated to maintain a *footpath* to the Hilton Cemetery.

James reported to the Board that he has been in contact with Elisabeth Morgan, the program manager for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). The Town of Newfields is designated to receive \$1,952,979.00 under this program toward the Piscassic Greenway project. The process to obtain the funds is to submit a grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Town will be receiving information regarding the grant application process soon.

The proposed salt shed easement was discussed. The Board would like to get more information from Brian and meet with the Water Commissioners sometime in the near future.

James made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase